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In re patent application of
Cesar COMPADRE, *et al.*

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For: A CONCENTRATED, NON-FOAMING SOLUTION OF QUATERNARY
AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF USE

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated July 18, 2001. A Petition for a one-month extension of time with the requisite fee is enclosed to extend the time to respond to November 18, 2001, which is a Sunday, thus making November 19, 2001, the timely response date and within the statutory period. Should such a request or any fee be deficient or absent, please consider this paragraph as the petition for the extension of time and an authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from PTO deposit account No. 19-0741. Kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 36 and 44 - 46 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 47-51.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for claims 1, 34 and 37, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked-up claims."

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1. (Amended) A concentrated quaternary ammonium compound solution comprising:
a quaternary ammonium compound with a concentration from greater than 10% by weight; and